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In re Application of: Adachi et al.)	
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Serial No. 10/680,205)	
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For: IMAGE ENCODING METHOD, IMAGE)	
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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION DATED FEBRUARY 8, 2007

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Commissioner for Patents
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Dear Sir:

In reply to the Office Action dated February 8, 2007, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 10 of this paper.